



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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COMMENTS FROM JOE BROTHERS, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



The search for Kentucky's next commissioner of education is now officially underway, as the board met with the search firm it selected, Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc., at the April meeting. We are intent on finding the best person possible to lead Kentucky's education system into the future. Our students deserve a talented individual who can draw from best practices in the state, nationally and internationally.

We will be asking for input as we go through the process, and your feedback is appreciated. Feel free to comment on the KDE Web site or by personally contacting a board member. E-mails and letters are welcome as well. Vetting opportunities will be provided as we narrow down our search.

Rest assured that the board is focused upon what is best for kids in this search.

An article is included below with more details on the search.



MEET JOE BROTHERS AND JUDY GIBBONS, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Wilburn Joe Brothers - Wilburn Joe Brothers of Elizabethtown is the plant manager for the Gates Corporation's Elizabethtown plant. He is a graduate of Community High School in Unionville, Tennessee, and the University of Alabama (engineering) in Huntsville. Joe is a past PTA president and school board member and has served as an officer with the Kentucky School Boards Association, Polyurethane Manufacturers Association and the National Management Association. He has been active in a number of church activities with the Church of Christ, including radio broadcasting and starting congregations in the Ukraine. He and his wife, Dorothy, have five children and ten grandchildren.



Judith H. Gibbons - Judith H. Gibbons of Lakeside Park is a retired vice president of a professional career management firm. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and has been long involved in education initiatives. As a community volunteer, she has promoted education excellence and stronger collaboration between the business and education communities. Judy serves on the Northern Kentucky University Foundation, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Education Alliance and Education Policy committees, Greater Cincinnati Foundation and the Vision 2015 Education Implementation Team and is a graduate of Leadership Northern Kentucky. She and her husband, Mike, have three children and three grandchildren.



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION MOVES FORWARD WITH COMMISSIONER'S SEARCH

As part of its April meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education met with staff from Greenwood/Asher and Associates, Inc., an executive search firm located in Miramar Beach, Florida, and selected by the board to conduct the search for Kentucky's next commissioner of education. Jan Greenwood and Betty Asher, owners of the firm, and Chris Martin, executive search consultant, conducted a lengthy discussion to determine specific details related to the search.

Pending board approval, advertisements in publications, both in-state and nationally, soon will be placed. The ads will include the qualifications for the commissioner's position and details on how to apply. The board desires to have a new commissioner in place no later than August 1, 2009.

For more information on the commissioner's search, contact Greenwood/Asher and Associates, Inc. at (850) 650-2277 or via e-mail at chrismartin@greenwoodsearch.com.

BOARD HONORS SUPERINTENDENT STU SILBERMAN

Fayette County Superintendent Stu Silberman was honored by the Kentucky Board of Education at its April meeting. Silberman's recognition came after he had been chosen

twice as Kentucky Superintendent of the Year by the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents and selected this year as one of four finalists nationwide for National Superintendent of the Year, The board passed the following resolution and presented it to Superintendent Silberman:

Resolution Honoring Stu Silberman
By
The Kentucky Board of Education
Commonwealth of Kentucky

- Whereas,*** **Stu Silberman has been an educator for over 35 years and is currently superintendent of the Fayette County Public Schools, where he has served since 2004;**
- Whereas,*** **Stu Silberman has focused his career on what is best for students, with his well-known mantra being "It's About Kids";**
- Whereas,*** **Stu Silberman has exhibited outstanding leadership as superintendent in two Kentucky school districts by focusing on reaching proficiency, closing achievement gaps and holding all students to high expectations;**
- Whereas,*** **Stu Silberman has enhanced the quality of the superintendency in Kentucky by teaching in the new superintendent training program, serving as a mentor in the minority superintendent intern program and serving as a role model to six members of his cabinets who have gone on to become superintendents;**
- Whereas,*** **Stu Silberman is held in high regard by citizens, colleagues and students across the state;**
- Whereas,*** **Stu Silberman has twice been named Kentucky Superintendent of the Year by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators and in 2009 was chosen as one of four finalists nationwide for the National Superintendent of the Year Award;**

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Kentucky Board of Education to congratulate Stu Silberman on the many honors bestowed on him at both the state and national levels and thank him for his outstanding service to the students of this Commonwealth.

**Done in the city of Frankfort, this first
day of April, in the year Two Thousand
and Nine.**

For more information on this agenda item, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

BOARD LEARNS TEXTBOOK CYCLE WILL NOT BE ALTERED

Kentucky Department of Education staff shared with the board that the decision has been made to continue with the textbook adoption cycle. Districts may choose to delay the purchase of mathematics instructional resources until the revised mathematics standards are released in December 2009. Department staff clarified that it is a school district decision whether or not to delay purchasing. Staff went on to explain that practical living and vocational studies materials will be reviewed this summer as scheduled in the textbook adoption cycle.

For more information on textbook adoptions, contact Michael Miller at (502) 564-2106 or via e-mail at michael.miller@education.ky.gov.

BOARD DISCUSSES SAFETY TRAINING FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

In response to the passage of HB383, the Kentucky Board of Education conducted a discussion with officials from the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) about the formation and work of a formal work group to conduct a study of sports safety that is to be completed no later than October 1, 2009. Present from KHSAA were Commissioner Brigid DeVries and Deputy Commissioner Julian Tackett. Also present was Greg Rose, president of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society. Current safety requirements were discussed, along with possible additional measures to meet the provisions of the legislation.

As required by HB383, the board approved the appointment of KBE members Dorie Combs, Doug Hubbard and Austin Moss to the work group. Interim Commissioner Farris also announced Darryl Thompson and Bridgette Combs Stacy as KDE's representatives on the group. Farris noted that Michael Dailey will serve as her designee to assist KHSAA in putting together the members of the group and coordinating the meetings. Commissioner DeVries indicated May 4-5 are the tentative dates for the work group's first meeting.

For more information on the safety training agenda item, contact Michael Dailey at (502) 564-1479 or via e-mail at michael.dailey@education.ky.gov.

ADVANCEKENTUCKY BRIEFS BOARD

Joanne Lang, executive director of AdvanceKentucky and Dale Fleury, regional director of the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), updated the Kentucky Board of Education on the work of the AdvanceKentucky project that is designed to dramatically accelerate achievement in math, science and English. The board learned that 27 schools are now participating -- 12 in Cohort 1 and 15 in Cohort 2. The success of the project will be measured by growth in the number of students participating in AP courses in terms of enrollment and qualifying scores of three and above on eligible AP exams. The program targets underrepresented students, and according to Ms. Lang, in the first year, Cohort 1 increased the number of students in the program who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals by 107% and minority students by 81%. She reported that the Cohort 1 schools are predicting that in 2009, students will exceed the Year 5 goal for number of qualifying scores on the AP exams. Lang explained that new schools are added to the

program each year so that as new schools are announced in April, a new Request for Proposals is released, inviting more schools to apply.

AdvanceKentucky is using the NMSI Elements of Success, a proven model that allows more students to be given the opportunity to take AP classes and training, spend more time on task by offering weekend or after school training sessions and receive monetary rewards for success on AP exams. Participating teachers receive extensive training, mentoring from a master AP teacher, stipends for taking on additional responsibilities and monetary rewards for students' qualifying scores on AP exams.

It was noted that this program is made possible by key partners, including the National Math and Science Initiative, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, the participating schools, Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, Partnership for Kentucky Schools and federal grants.

For more information on this agenda item, contact Joanne Lang at (859) 233-3502, ext. 236, or via e-mail at advanceky@kstc.com.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE MEETING WERE:

- minutes from the February 10-11, 2009, and March 4-5, 2009, meetings
- district facility plan from Bell County
- district facility plan amendment from Ballard County
- appointments to the State Textbook Commission of Catherine R. Fernandez and David M. McFadden
- acceptance of the Audit Committee Report

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE MEETING WERE:

- Kentucky Student Information System: Infinite Campus
- Assist and Support School Improvement Success Team Update
- 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil attendance
- 702 KAR 7:140, School calendar
- Collaborative Center for Literacy Development and Kentucky Center for Mathematics: Update on statewide coaching initiatives
- 2009 Elementary and secondary legislation
- budget reduction update and 2010-2012 biennial budget process
- Hearing Officer's Report
- 701 KAR 5:031, Repeal of 701 KAR 5:035, Procedures for Record Requests
- KDE Employment Report
- Hearing Officer's Report

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2009 AND 2010

KBE Meeting Dates 2009

<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 12-13, 2009	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 10-11, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 5-6, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 9, 2009	Regular meeting	Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville
October 7-8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 9-10, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates 2010

<u>2010</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 3-4, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 3, 2010	Regular meeting	General Butler State Park, Carrollton
March 31-April 1, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 18-19, 2010	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 9-10, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 4-5, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 15, 2010	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Ashland
October 6-7, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 8-9, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on the board's schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller or Susan Palmer at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov or susan.palmer@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the April 1-2, 2009, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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